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ing are some of the chapters: Gamle norske Embedsgaarde pp. 129-203; Billedkunsten og den almene Smak, 311-396; Bygningskunsten, 397-416; Sproget og Stilen, 417-460. This work takes its place at once as a main work in the interpretation of Norwegian life and art in the XIX century.

Henrik Ibsen. Plays and Problems, 1912, Pp. 356. By Otto Heller deserves to be added to the working library of every student of Ibsen. Of recent American interpretations of the philosophy and the writings of the great dramatist it is easily the best. While the student of Ibsen will sometimes disagree with the author of course, Professor Heller is to be thanked for this conscientious study and valuable contribution to Ibsen literature. The publishers are Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It is attractively gotten up. There is a valuable *Bibliography* at the end, which is further amplified in the *Notes*, where much information on the presentation of the plays etc., is stored.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

The Third Annual Meeting of Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study was held at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, in the Lecture Hall of Denckmann Memorial Library, Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, 1913.

FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order by Professor Julius E. Olson on Friday, May 2, at 2:25 P. M. The president of the Society introduced Dr. Gustav Andreen, president of Augustana College, who welcomed the Society in the name of the faculty and students of the College, and of the citizens of Rock Island. He also called attention to the fact that the society was the guest of one of the oldest institutions representing Scandinavian Culture in America.

The President appointed a committee on nominations consisting of Mr. E. W. Olson, chairman, Dr. Lee M. Hollander and Professor L. M. Larson.

1. Professor A. M. Sturtevant then read a paper entitled "A Note on the *Hárbarðsljóð*," which was discussed by Doctor Hollander, Professor Jules Mauritzon and Professor G. T. Flom. [Printed herewith as part of Publications I, 4].

2. Professor L. M. Larson read a paper on "Scientific Knowledge in the North in the Thirteenth Century." The speaker dealt chiefly with the cultural aspects of the *Speculum Regale*. Discussed by Professor Julius E. Olson and Dr. L. M. Hollander. [Printed herewith as part of Publications I, 4].

3. Professor George T. Flom then presented a paper on the "Paleography of the Konungs Skuggsja (*Speculum regale*), Cod. reg. 243, B. α." The technical side of the paper was made clear by specimens

of paleography from this and other Old Norse manuscripts. Discussion by Professors Olson and Mauritzon. [To be printed in part in the forthcoming photographic and diplomatic edition of the *Speculum Regale*, 243 B, a,].

4. The President then introduced Doctor Lenker, to whom he yielded the time allotted him on the program. Doctor Lenker spoke on the importance of the work of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in promoting the study of Scandinavian languages in schools and colleges. President Olson's paper (Nr. 4) was deferred until the evening session.

5. A paper entitled "The English Versions of Axel—a Bibliographic Sketch", by Gustav N. Swan, Royal Swedish Vice Consul, Sioux City, Iowa, was read, in the absence of the author, by Mr. Marcus Skarstedt, Librarian of Augustana College. [This paper is printed herewith].

Adjournment. Fifty-two persons attended this session, which was made pleasant not only by the presence of Doctor Andreen, but many members of the faculty and students of Augustana College.

At seven o'clock a banquet was held at the Hotel Harper attended by the members of the society and members and friends of Augustana College. After the dinner Professor Andreen spoke at greater length than before in welcome of the Society to Augustana College. Professor Olson replied and introduced Professor Flom who also responded to Doctor Andreen's welcome. The company then adjourned to an adjoining parlor for the smoker. The President of the Society thereupon gave as presidential address a paper on "Present Aspects of the Vinland Controversy", which was followed by general discussion. The address is printed herewith pp. 147-156. Mr. E. W. Olson entertained the company with original humorous selections; this was followed by the singing of Scandinavian folksongs led by Professor Olson and songs by a group of present and former students of Augustana College.

There were forty-four present at the smoker, being members of the Society and members and friends of the College.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 9:30 A. M. on Saturday, May 5.

6. A paper by Dr. A. LeRoy Andrews on "The Problems of the *Hervarar Saga* Manuscripts" was read by Professor C. N. Gould. The paper which was further commented on by the reader, forms part of investigations by Doctor Andrews to be published elsewhere.

7. A paper by Professor Albert E. Egge on "Norse Words in Old English" was read by title.

8. Dr. Lee M. Hollander read a paper on "Unhistoric Traits in the Sagas of the Kings of Norway and Denmark." Discussion by Professor Jules Mauritzon.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the formal papers the Secretary's report was presented and adopted. The Treasurer's report was

then presented and accepted. The auditing committee consisting of Mr. A. G. S. Josephson and Dr. A. L. Elmquist presented its report, which was adopted and the committee discharged. The Editor's report was then received. He spoke especially of the reception accorded the Proceedings of the Society by Scandinavian scholars abroad, and of the new feature of Announcements in the Notes Department, contributions to which had been cordially offered by a number of scholars in Scandinavia.

Professor Stomberg then presented the report of the Committee on the Scandinavian Languages in the High Schools which was generally discussed. It was moved by Professor Flom and seconded that the report be accepted as a report of progress, and that the committee be continued for one year to report especially on the question of text books and the qualifications of teachers. The motion was carried. The Report is printed herewith.

Mr. A. G. S. Josephson presented the report of the Committee on Translations, which was then considered and finally adopted section by section.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

For President, Professor Jules Mauritzon.

For Vice-president, Professor Chester N. Gould.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Professor A. L. Elmquist.

For Editor, Professor George T. Flom.

For Members of the Advisory Committee for three years: Dr. Henry G. Leach and Professor Julius E. Olson.

Adjournment at 12:45.

There were 50 present at this session.

This meeting was notable as the first meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study held as guests of an institution of learning founded and maintained by Scandinavian-Americans. It was distinguished at every turn by the personal interest taken by President Andreen and the gentlemen of his faculty. It was furthermore the first annual meeting held outside of Chicago, and its success demonstrated that the attendance was by no means dependent on the resources of a large city.

CHESTER N. GOULD, *Secretary*.